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Editor's Note

We herewith present a guest editorial that gives thought to an important area of Christian emphasis. It is not written in opposition to child evangelism; to have a child saved is to preserve a life for the Lord. However, the casualty percentage of children saved from non-Christian homes gives decided credence to the emphasis of the editorial.

Regional Conferences have now been held. Condensations of two of the conference messages appear in this issue. Dr. Jesse Lady spoke in the Allegheny Conference on the theme, "Building the Church in these Troublesome Times." In the Pacific Conference, Bishop Alvin Burkholder used the theme, "Cultural Christianity vs. Spiritual Dynamics."

Guest Editorial

Household Evangelism

J. Lester Brubaker

WHEN one pauses to consider, it is surprising how many of our church activities are directed toward children rather than adults. The Sunday school from the days of its founder, Robert Raikes, was concerned with teaching the boys and girls so that they might be brought to Christ. The summer Bible school is chiefly a means of reaching children with the Gospel. Camp programs are largely for children and young people. In our mission activities we have bent our energies largely toward gathering in the children.

We have no quarrel with the teaching of the boys and girls. They need to know the love of God in Christ. They should be told of the One who saves from sin. But if we look to the New Testament, we look in vain for any indication that the church made a direct effort toward child evangelism.

The kind of evangelism that we do find practiced in the Scriptures has been called by some "household evangelism." The head of the home or the parents are led to faith in Christ with the result that the household is also saved. "And when she was baptized, and her household." "He . . . rejoiced, believing in God with all his house." When parents are brought to Christ, the Scriptural injunction of parental teaching (Deut. 6) can also be carried out, and carried out more effectively than by any Sunday school, Bible school, Christian day school, or other non-parental effort.

No doubt we have frequently worked with children because doing this is the easiest way to get numbers. Children

idolize those who show love to them, and they want to please them in every way. They receive Christ, either genuinely or superficially, because it pleases the teachers they admire. But soon they are teen-agers, and to teen-agers the approval of their peers is far more important than the approval of adults. The pressure of their world is largely anti-Christian, and so they disappear from the mission scene.

It is cause for rejoicing that new interest is being shown in adult evangelism. Many are recognizing that the church can be built only with adults. Let us continue to work toward making adults — especially young adults — the prime concern of our efforts. The results may be few at first, but God will surely add to us the children and youth from these Christian homes, who in turn will become the godly parents of another generation.—*Missionary Messenger*



Prayer Time

I HAVEN'T figured it all out theologically yet, but there are some things that seem to help you out a lot when it comes to having a good prayer time. Prayer is mostly a spiritual thing, and yet a small physical thing can affect it and make you feel you've been a lot closer to God when it's over. Like the way you feel, or what's happened to you that day, or the surroundings in which you are praying. Maybe nothing extra is accomplished at those times, but it sure is nice God sends them along once in a while to give you a boost, and let you know praying isn't only struggle. Like yesterday. . .

We had left the mission for an out-school at about five-thirty in the morning, and as it happens too often on such a morning, I hadn't taken time for prayer. So after awhile, I slipped away from the school and headed for a little rise in the adjoining veldt. On the whole, the veldt isn't particularly beautiful. You see mostly rocks and scrubby little bushes, here and there trees, and a fair amount of grass. If it's the dry season like we've just passed through, it can be the drabest, dustiest place you've ever seen. As I walked along, I noticed the pale green grass which the rains had just brought out, but I wasn't quite prepared for what I found as I scrambled to the top of the little hill.

There were fire balls! If you've never seen a fire ball, you ought to. They come

up with a thick bare stem, and on the end is a six- to eight-inch ball of tiny, bright red flowers. You hardly believe them when you see them. Along with some of the fire balls were their big green leaves, which come up only when the flower is about to die. They looked as if they'd had a coat of shellac.

I sat down on a ledge of rock and gazed at the new leaves on the tree above me. They made pleasant shade. Across from me, a wild fig tree had decided to grow on top of a granite boulder, and its white roots twisted down to the nourishing earth. Beside it a candleabra cactus stood tall and still, looking like a Jewish candlestick. A lizard, made bold by my silence, slipped out to watch me, his body shining orange and blue in the sunshine.

Fine sprays of asparagus-like fern waved in the breeze, and little stems of more conventional fern made borders around some of the rocks. Behind me an aloe reached its wiry arms in all directions as if to protect the bunch of brown seeds at its top.

I closed my eyes. It was easy to pray. Nature seemed to understand and so did God. When I left the little garden, it was with faith, hope, and love in my heart. Do you know what I mean?

Grace Holland

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Building the Church in Troublesome Times

Dr. Jesse F. Lady



THE prophet Haggai reveals some parallel conditions to our times and likewise gives the answers to some of our present-day problems.

There is little known about this man except that he is called "Haggai the Prophet" several times in his own book and once in the book of Ezra. (Ezra 5:1) He was probably the oldest of the three restoration prophets—Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. It is estimated he was about seventy-five years of age at this time. Here is an example of being made fruitful in old age.

Haggai's chief task was to stir up the people to rebuild the Temple. Thus the message of the entire book centers around this fact. He has been called "the man of one idea." He accomplished his task under the blessing of God. Let us take a careful look into the life of this man and his message for our instruction in building the church today.

We shall lift out four lessons we must learn if we are to build the Church in troublesome times.

First, we must build in the light of the times in which we live. We may not always understand our times and generation, but we must reckon with them and try to understand them.

Did Haggai do this? Were his days critical? Yes! Throughout the Empire of some twenty-three countries there was general unrest. Darius had fought nineteen battles. The very foundations of the nation were shaken. Some think this is why Haggai makes several references to the shaking of the nations. (2:6,7) There was also serious trouble within Israel—famine, drought, discouragement. The history of the nation was full of glory and shame—glory of the past and shame of the present.

How do we look at our times? We know something tremendous is happening on a world-wide scale. The nations are shaking. Men's hearts are failing for fear. Sin, speed, and science are on the increase with frightful possibilities. What can the Church of Jesus Christ do about it? That brings us to the second lesson of this book.

The Church will build when the Church is stirred up to united action.

Haggai was a big stirring stick. He has been called a "steam-engine in trousers." His message could well be summarized in three words: "Awake, Arise, Rebuild."

He first stirred up the people to see, believe, and trust in God. About 12 times he refers to "The Lord of hosts" besides many other references to God. Unless we begin with this emphasis, all our stirring will be of little avail. We may have fine edifices, good singing, worshipful spirit, adequate organization, but until Christ is in the midst and the Holy Spirit anoints and directs we will not build for eternity.

Then, he stirred up the people beginning at the leaders. (1:14) How important it is for the leader to lead and to keep his people together. When this is the case the people as a rule will follow as was true in the example of Haggai's times. The Apostle Peter realized this same truth, for said he, "I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance." It is not so much that we do not know, but we need to be stirred up to do what we know to do.

In the third place, if the church is to build in troublesome days, it must face the problems squarely and prescribe the cure. Haggai was sure of his message. (1:13) He pointed out the needs of his people—"Consider your ways." (1:5, 7) He rebuked the people for three main sins—indifference, discontent, and fear.

It is one thing to be enlightened; it is another thing to be invigorated and aroused. They had started to build the temple but became discouraged because of enemies without and within. After sixteen years of indifference, Haggai came along and stirred them up to continue building. But the people said, "The time is not come." Here is the sin of "not yet." But Haggai prescribed the cure. The Lord of Hosts saith, "Go up . . . bring wood . . . and build . . . and I will be glorified." (1:8)

He rebuked the people for the sin of discontent. As the building of the Temple progressed, the people began to realize that the Temple would not be as elaborate and beautiful as the former

one. (2:3) Again the people would have become discouraged because of discontent if it had not been for Haggai. The prophet seemed to say, "If it is the lack of gold and silver you see in the Temple, the Lord has plenty of that, (2:8), but God is more interested in the glory. Get your eyes off of the outward show of gold and silver and get your eyes on the glory of God." "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." (2:9)

Then again, he brought to the front their sin of fear. Fear is probably the most universal instinct and, according to biologists, the oldest. Fear is man's greatest adversary. Yes, the people were afraid of their adversaries. Again, Haggai arose to the occasion and gave them the cure. "Yet now be strong . . . be strong . . . be strong . . . all ye people . . . and work; for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts." (2:4) "Fear ye not." (2:5)

Finally, in the fourth place, if we are to build in troublesome times, we must keep faith and hope in the future.

What God commands, He enables and completes. A faithful reprover will find obedient ears and willing hands to work. People will sometimes grow indifferent, discontented, and fearful, but God promises to be with us and bless us if we are faithful in stirring up their minds. Keep faith in God—you can safely trust Him. Keep faith in the Church. Some people will disappoint you, but many will be faithful. God will always have His people. Keep faith in yourself. God's Spirit will restore, revive, and use you as He did Haggai, if you keep yourself yielded to Him.

Study God's "I wills" in chapter two, and we too will arise and build for the glory of God. Let us be men of understanding; strive for united action; face our problems frankly and prescribe the cure; keep faith and hope in the future.

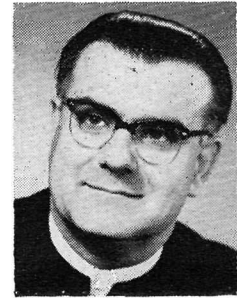
Keep your eyes on the final goal. The future for the true and faithful is glorious.

Grantham, Pa.

A condensation of the Allegheny Conference message, April 2, 1960.

Cultural Christianity Versus Spiritual Dynamics

Alvin C. Burkholder



"Let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints . . ."

Jude 3

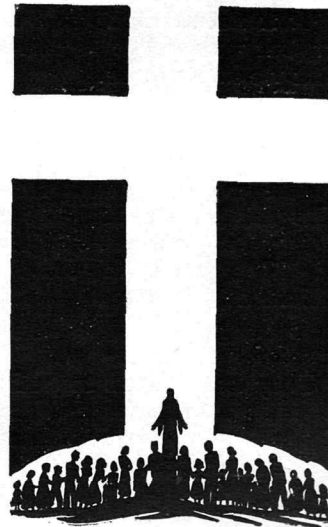
WE ARE living in tremendous days! Nearly every day we hear of new outstanding scientific invention. The launching of new moons . . . atomic power . . . guided missiles . . . all in a world that seeks for peace. Times are so critical that the world is sending their leaders circling the globe for the answer to save humanity from destruction. To me this speaks of the soon coming of our Lord and to "work for the night is coming."

In light of present day conditions and as a result of my personal experience of a recent world tour, my whole being has been stirred and shaken many times as I beheld multitudes of bewildered, fearful, sin-bound people crying, "Peace, peace," but going on in their downward way to a Christless eternity. Yet the professed Church continues to be engulfed with its own program, demonstrating apathy to the needs of a lost world.

Likewise in our travels throughout our own beloved brotherhood a tremendous burden has fastened itself upon me as I sense the importance that we earnestly contend for the faith that transforms the lives of men and women and produces not more religion but better religion. Not cultural Christianity or churchanity, but a personal experience with Christ having the preeminence—resulting in not being conformed to this world, but being transformed by the renewing of the mind and then living according to the will of God.

I have used the term "cultural Christianity." I wish to discuss this as a menace to the faith once delivered unto the saints. We heartily support and endorse any aggressive Christ-centered church program that may call for the evaluating of a certain position and practice. But we are living in the day when religion and worldly culture have united. In fact, the position is taken that a little religion is a good thing in all types of activities and programs. In the yesterdays the

world had its programs and the church had hers, with more or less of a clear line of demarcation. Today we mix good and bad together. TV producers use show girls and sacred hymns on the same program; music of the world is presented simultaneously with Gospel songs. Professional sports on the Lord's Day—at times opened with prayer. The entertainment world finding its following from not only church members, but also from supposedly evangelical Christians. Politicians, recognizing that anything goes, mixing religion with their politics. In the external appearances, the gadgets and fancies that once decorated the worldling of yesterday have become part of the adornment of a supposed child of God. The immodesty that was known only among a debased society of the past, now is making inroad into church members of the groups who stressed modesty and simplicity as scriptural requirements.



History reveals the results of what happens when cultural Christianity takes over. We well recall in studying church history when medieval Christianity accepted heathen in large numbers, without requiring transformed lives. The Christian Church soon became powerless as far as a soul saving institution is concerned. English so-

ciety in the eighteenth century conformed to the practices of that day until the church and society united into a state church. Being a gentleman was quite synonymous with being a Christian. Sounds strangely modern, with around two-thirds of our population today professed Christians.

Cultural Christianity in light of the above can be interpreted as being a church identified with the prevailing culture, with a desire to adjust to the point where moderation is practiced to the extent of compromising with clear Biblical teachings. This results in a lukewarm condition and can readily apply to the picture given to us of the Laodicean Church in the third chapter of Revelation (Rev. 3:15-19):

V. 15—I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

V. 16—So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

V. 17—Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

V. 18—I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see.

V. 19—As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

I am not and do not wish to be understood as being reactionary in this message. I am not pleading for conservatism that is rigid and exhibits little of the transforming power of the Gospel. We are all conscious of the results of a form without power and that such form smells of Pharisaism which Jesus denounced vehemently. Our concern and heart burden is for the faith that was given to the early Christian church, that it might be ours today, and that the recipients of that faith might

demonstrate and act like the early Christian church did under the anointing and blessing of God.

To avoid present day cultural Christianity, we will need to place emphasis as a people upon the Gospel that is the power of God unto salvation. The Gospel that transforms lives, that produces the crisis experience of being "born again." Also the believer needs to be lead into the experience where he can testify that it is no longer I, but Christ who liveth in me. The basis on which we must build is an inner spiritual experience. Evangelical Christianity has been characterized by the personal aspect of one's relation with God. It was that which John Wesley referred to when he spoke of having his heart "strangely warmed." When a church membership can no longer readily participate in a testimony meeting, that church has somewhere lost the heart-warming experience that comes with a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The Christian is controlled by the Spirit of Christ. It becomes manifest in every area of his life, not by a passive attitude, for he will have convictions and will express himself negatively in relation to sinful worldly practices, while aggressively promoting a Christianity that meets the needs of today's world.

The early Christian church demonstrated their faith by outreach or evangelism. Everywhere they witnessed and churches were established. Today evangelism has an open door. We have lived to see the day when national and worldwide evangelism has taken the headlines. The evangelism crusades of the past decade have produced books, radio and TV programs and many outstanding religious films. As a result church accessions are now at the highest in history with no signs of abating at present. But we are conscious that while in the midst of religious awakenings, the manifestations of changed lives are little in evidence.

Some refer to this day as an era of "cheap grace," when it takes little to save a sinner. Sometimes our efforts appear to be ecclesiastical salesmanship put on with such enthusiasm that we only have superficial results, again demonstrating just cultural Christianity.

Dr. Mavis in his book, *Beyond Conformity*, states that an evangelism of depth requires three essential elements:

1. Consistent Christian living on the part of the church members;
2. A clear message of salvation from the pulpit;
3. The first-handed witnessing of laymen.

We have already discussed the need for consistent Christian living on the part of the church members. May we add that our fathers made much of this

point. The Christian of yesterday was expected and did pay his debts; his word was as good as his signature; his conduct was different from the non-Christian individual; his speech was clean and free from profanity; he expressed his love for his Lord by loyalty to the church and her program; he demonstrated love for the brethren; and sought to seek first the Kingdom of God and then the necessary earthly things, keeping temporal things and needs in their rightful place.



Second, God has ordained that the Gospel should be spread by preaching. The pulpit becomes a dynamic force for either proclamation of a soul-saving Gospel or can be used to generate a lukewarm state.

Many a church has cooled off and lost its objective by lack of spiritual fire in the pulpit. The preacher who preaches evangelistically seeks response from the individual, bringing people to decisions.

A lady once said to Billy Graham, "Our minister is a wonderful person, but for the life of me, I don't know what he wants us to do." Simple, plain declaration of Gospel truth will always be appreciated by the average congregation.

Dr. Louis Evans says that the religious intelligence of a congregation is that of a twelve-year-old. "I always talk to them as if they were children."

May I urge each minister to make use of Bible terms in his messages; such as sin, atonement, repentance, faith, blood, holiness, hell and heaven.

The old prophets who because of their willingness to expose sin, found themselves in prison. Today we may not find ourselves in prison, but many a preacher has succumbed to the temptation to soft-peddle the Gospel. To preach on sin and declare all have sinned, causes a sense of guilt.

Psychiatry warns us that "guilt" is unhealthful and causes morbidity, believing that the "guilt" feeling leads to nervous breakdowns and neurosis. So some psychiatrists consider evangelistic preachers as intruders in the field of mental health. Few psychiatrists have use for the word "sin."

Spiritual ministers have respect for psychiatric wisdom, but look to the Word of God when it comes to finding an answer to the sin problem. They will proclaim that for a person to get right with God and their fellowmen, the sin of their lives will need to be repented of and properly confessed. John the Baptist began his ministry by preaching repentance. Jesus called people to repentance and did so in a direct manner. "I tell you, nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish." (Luke 13:3) The Apostle Paul preached repentance. The cure for many of today's ills, as found in individuals, is repentance and faith toward God.

Preach against sin courageously always remembering to offer the solution for sin, the atoning merits of the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Offer salvation full and free, not only forgiveness of sins but that the believer can enjoy a life of victory over sin as he allows the Holy Spirit to take full control; "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come unto you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

This brings us to the third point—A Witnessing Church—where both the pastor and laymen must be faithful in order to have evangelism depth. A witness must know what he is talking about. How can our membership witness without first having spiritual experiences? Mechanics or know-how is not enough. Organized visitation and techniques for outreach are good, but unless the laity who give themselves to this program have a personal testimony to express while performing the task of witnessing, the program fails.

The spiritual witness always can support Biblical and theological truth by being able to give personal testimony of how the Gospel works in his life. This means effectual witnessing. The witness speaks with conviction.

Which way will we go? Do we wish to promote cultural Christianity or do we wish a deepened spirituality that calls for separation and a personal dedication that denotes evangelical Christianity.

In what kind of a climate do we wish our children and grandchildren reared in? Will it be of a lukewarm type that does little for their lives, or will it be the type that will cause them to observe the power of the Gospel in the lives of the church members. May God help us to be true to the faith once delivered unto the saints and unitedly support a spiritual program by allowing the Holy Ghost to take full control of our lives.

Upland, Calif.

Bishop of the Pacific Conference. Regional Conference Message, given at Upland, March 5, 1960.

An All-Night Party on Graduation Night?

IT IS NOT parties to which our author objects, but the spinelessness of parents who are afraid to say no when they believe no is right. There was one such parent in the Bible, I Samuel 2 and 3: "His sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

A newspaper article in a Syracuse paper on June 8 last year carried this headline, and as a sub-headline it stated, "Ticklish Question Coming Up for Parents."

On the whole, the writer handled the question quite well. He pointed out that the school board had unanimously voted a resolution condemning the teenage all-night party idea (it had been planned entirely out of school jurisdiction), but, of course, stated that they had no authority to do more than condemn it. They recommended that parents forbid their children to go.

Now why should this be a "ticklish" question for parents to handle? The all-night affair has been condemned by the school board, and also by the PTA. What has happened to the backbone of the parents of America when it becomes a "ticklish" situation to say no to a request from a teen-ager for an unchaperoned, off-limits, all-night party?

To me this emphasizes most vividly the change that has come over our beloved America in a generation. When you and I were in high school, any parent who would have taken five minutes to hesitate over the answer to that request would have been considered a coward. And yet today, according to this article, many parents find it "ticklish" to handle the problem! And without a doubt many parents do quail before this and many other requests put to them by their teen-age off-spring. These requests are usually accompanied with the severe pressure that teen-agers have found to be so effective:

"EVERYBODY ELSE IS DOING IT!"

"But Dad—everybody else is going, why can't I?" That is the way pressure usually begins. It is followed with pouting and storming around the house (or more subtle forms of showing parents how hopelessly old-fashioned and unreasonable they are), and a large percentage of today's mothers and dads can stand but little of such pressure.

Why does "Christian America" find its present crop of teen-agers to be setting the world's highest records in delinquency and crime for their age bracket? The great juvenile court judge, Samuel Leibowitz of New York City, wrote in a recent *Reader's Digest* article that he found Italy to have only about 1/26th of our percentage of teen-age murders. He further stated the percentage of teen-age sex crimes in this nation is 19 times Italy!

HARVEST OF WRONG TEACHING

When I was a boy we used to blame whatever bad record of juvenile misbehavior we had in town on the poor immigrant families across the railroad tracks! But today, Judge Leibowitz has to go to Italy to find the answer to our juvenile problem! He found a good part of the answer there, too. The parents in Italy had not read the psychology text books that forbade using the rod, and they still believed in the old-fashioned standards of discipline that were given to the human race by the Word of God. Even parents who were far from being Christians had had the blessed heritage of the Bible's admonitions which have been passed down from generation to generation.

And in this country, until we began to revere whatever was said in the latest college text books above the teachings in the Word of God, we too had the benefits of a great deal that the Lord had put in the Book for us.

But today, if a man with a degree after his name should manage to get his textbook accepted by our present educational system, it matters not how much of what he says is contrary to the Bible, it is considered "science" by many people. Today we as a nation pretty well worship at the shrine of that modern-day idol—science. How sadly we fail to recognize that true science is only that which is proved fact, and never at variance with the Bible!

"DON'T SPANK!"

Some psychologists had written in the textbooks that we should not "repress" our children with punishment for their wrong doings, but should let them "express themselves." A whole generation of them have been growing up, expressing themselves so violently that the

scholars have had to change the textbooks. The new textbooks (accepted by most leading authorities today) have reversed this teaching, and in this respect they now agree with the Bible. But much of the damage is done.

The incident of the all-night party brings into focus an attitude on the part of our present-day parents that needs careful examination. Even Christian parents are falling victims of the technique that children employ too successfully these days: "Everybody else is doing it, Mother, why can't I do it?"

THE CROWD IS OFTEN WRONG

The greatest sin possible, it sometimes seems, is to be a non-conformist. Whatever the crowd does must be right—and even if it were not, "You certainly don't want them to think we're queer in our family because we do not do it too, do you?"

Every generation of Christians finds "the crowd is often wrong." Are we so used to the blessings of democracy in this country and the idea of "majority rule" that we get to thinking the majority is always right?

No, when you begin to hear that "everybody does it" approach, in some form or other, you'd better let it become a little warning bell in your ear, for there's often something coming that was hatched by the devil himself!

THE ONLY SAFE WAY

That is the reason family worship is so desperately needed in our land today. When children are brought up in a seven-day-week atmosphere of worship, prayer, and Bible study in the home, they can see a logical reason for being different from the crowd. They learn to respect first the authority of God and His Word and then the authority of God-given leaders in the home, at school, and in government. When discipline is gentle but firm, and punishment sure to follow disobedience, then obedience becomes a blessed habit. Only as parents learn to follow such a program consistently, will they be truly respected by their youngsters! It is a wonderful and glorious fact of God's creative genius that youngsters love and respect a parent the more in direct proportion to the firm and just discipline that is prayerfully and properly administered.

As a parent of four, I have often marveled at the remarkable demonstration of affection that youngsters give you a few hours after you have had to punish them for disobedience! It is a very abnormal child indeed who will hold hard feeling toward a parent very long after punishment has been given—if the punishment was fair. Let's "Train up a child in the way that he should go" and have the joy of seeing God keep His promise of taking care of that youngster's future.

Joel Darby, Christian Parent



Ardith Wiles, Third-Prize Winner in
Crusader Writing Contest

Teen-Age Delinquency in Brethren in Christ Homes as seen by a teen-ager

WHEN we think of a delinquent, we often think of a teen-ager who carouses around with a rough, non-Christian gang, who swear, drink, steal, and sometimes even kill. But when we think of a delinquent in the Brethren in Christ homes we do not want to think of a delinquent in so bad a stage as that. Maybe some of these descriptions of the teen-agers will not apply to the young people of your area in the Brethren in Christ Church, but to other areas it will.

Of course, the aspect of life which makes a young person a delinquent is the social aspect. Many young people of the Brethren in Christ Church are being influenced by the "gang" they associate with, instead of having staunch, high ideals of their own. This is where the job of the parents comes in. There should be such a strong love bond between the young person and the parents, that the parents would have implanted into the heart and mind of the young person the right values of spiritual as well as material things. Speaking to parents, Solomon said in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Also, the Christian teen-ager himself has a part to play, if he is to live a victorious Christian life. He must have a period of daily Bible reading and prayer. Thus he will be helping to build his own Christian ideals.

One of the most outstanding phases of delinquency in the Brethren in Christ Church is the dishonoring of parents. Jesus said that this would be one of the signs of the last days as found in Matthew 10:21, "... and the children shall rise up against their parents ..." This is very prevalent in the day in which we live. Some people—yes in the Brethren

in Christ Church—are telling their parents what to do and what they think, instead of considering their parents as being more mature and having more experience and authority.

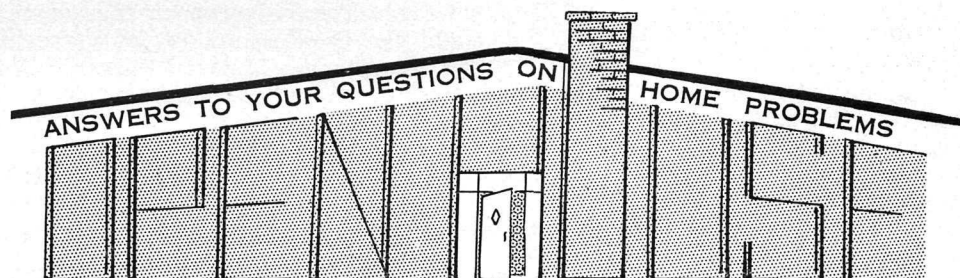
I personally know about a teen-age boy who one day came to high school, which was located in a large town, as usual on the school bus. Of course his parents were under the impression that

their son would be in school that day. But instead of going to school, the teen-age boy, along with other boys who were not from the Brethren in Christ Church, went down town, or as the young people would say, "played hooky." The principal was informed about this absentee, and the young boy was penalized.

Experiences like these and even worse ones are going on behind parents' backs in the Brethren in Christ Church. Why are the delinquent Brethren in Christ teen-agers doing this? This is a question asked by many people. Is it the fault of the parents, the teen-agers, or both?

Many teen-agers of today are getting modern views on what is right and wrong. Many things which our grandfathers considered wrong is considered right by many young people. Their lullaby is "times are changing." I know some very prominent Christian young people who believe that it is right to go to public places on the Sabbath Day to play golf and other recreations where you have to pay. God said in the Ten Commandments, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Personally, I believe that if we go out and commercialize the Lord's Day, we are not keeping it holy.

Other ideas held by the teen-agers of the Brethren in Christ Church concerns the kinds of films being shown in our churches; the kind of dress being worn, (Continued on page eight)



QUESTION: *We have two lovely girls at our house, who want so very much to have a baby brother. My husband is "dead set" upon having a son, too. I tried but have failed to impress them that you do not tell the Lord what sex to send into the home. Another child is soon to be born to us. Is it right to set one's heart on a boy and keep building up hopes upon it? — An Anxious Mother*



ANSWER: It appears evident that this husband and father has not yet learned the "joy of perfect reconciliation to the will of God." Certainly our Lord who sees the future knows what is best for us.

Children naturally acquire many of their attitudes from their parents and I believe the mother in this case could interest the daughters in the prospect of the good times three girls could have together.

I do not see how it could be right to set one's heart on either a boy or girl. A child should never be made to feel that his parents were disappointed on his arrival.

There must be a reason why our all-wise Heavenly Father thought it best to keep in His own hands the determination of sex.

G. E. S.



MEET

John Z.

Martin

AMONG the highly important phases of the church's program is her ministry of Christian Higher Education. From this branch of service we select one of our leaders as the subject of this brief sketch: Dr. John Z. Martin, President of Upland College, Upland, Calif.

Bro. Martin, a native of the Keystone State, has many vivid and pleasant memories of his early years and devout Christian parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. Abner Martin of Elizabethtown, Pa.

His dedication to the cause of Christian Education of which he says, "I have never been sorry for my decision to work in this field," he feels, was prompted by the outstanding blessing and challenge Christian Colleges brought to his life.

Starting with the acceptance of Christ as his Saviour at the age of 13 under the ministry of the late Rev. H. W. Landis, and the consecration of his life to Christian service at 17 under the ministry of Rev. Ohmer Herr while taking High School studies at Messiah Academy, he has come to full time service in the work of the Lord.

The Junior and Senior High School years as well as Freshman and Sophomore College days were taken at Messiah College with Junior and Senior College completed at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. Pursuing his post-graduate work, he received his master's degree at Claremont College, Claremont, California with advanced studies at the University of Buffalo and the University of Southern California. Nason College, Springvale, Maine gave him an Honorary Doctorate.

Bro. Martin with his wife, the former Anna Brechbill of Grantham, Pennsylvania served on the faculty of Niagara Christian College before going to California. Here in 1951 he was ordained to the ministry of the Brethren in Christ Church by the Upland congregation. Beside the numerous positions he has held within our brotherhood such as being a member of the Foreign Mission Board, Board for Schools and Colleges, etc., he gives freely of his time and talent to inter-church and educational organizations and travels widely in the interests of his church and related groups.

PREACHERS

What I Like in a Pastor

The pastor who does me the most good is one whose sincerity I never have to hold at a discount. While I like good pulpit performance and every minister should have some degree of artistry here, yet it is more far-reaching to feel that his messages radiate the warmth of a pastor's love, which is impartial, sacrificial and constant. I do not expect human perfection nor super-human achievements, but please, pastor, try and make me feel that you are endeavoring to sit where I sit regarding the stern realities of life.

Suggested Sermon Outline

The presentation of the following outline is not only to offer a form for outlining a message, but the rather jolting points may help all of us as ministers to avoid the unnecessary ministerial dotage.

A MESSAGE TO MINISTERS

Theme:—"Evidences of Pulpit Dotage"

Scripture Reading: II Peter 1:1-9

Text: Verse 9—"But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Intro: One translation of the last sentence puts it "and hath reached his dotage." The foregoing verses urge us to add the listed symphony of graces so that we avoid "dotage" tragedy. This can happen and we fear does happen to some preachers who are relatively young.

I Cause—two things can cause it:

- (a) Physical or Mental decline
- (b) Spiritual decay

II Signs—

- (a) When he preaches same sermon from different texts.
- (b) When he becomes a "hobby-rider."
- (c) When he becomes unduly pessimistic—he scolds the present generation and slams the young people. Our fathers were the only good people.
- (d) When he becomes absorbed in friendship of some one person and family in his parish to the neglect of others in the same congregation.
- (e) When he quarrels with his enemies.
- (f) When he contends for method at the expense of a principle.
- (g) When he strains at a gnat and swallows a camel.

III Cure—Add the virtues recommended in verses 1-8 after being sanctified wholly.

The following note was taken from the Canadian *Free Methodist Herald*. It was written by a family known to the page editor.

It is herewith presented with the hope that it will alert all pastors to give due notice to children. They are important if the church is to have a "tomorrow."

Some pastors are excellent theologians, golden orators and clever organizers but never seem to notice the boy or girl who looks so eagerly for attention.

Page Editor

To a Boy's Pastor

My pastor is an understanding man. He seems to know that two hours is a long time to sit through Sunday School and morning worship if your feet don't quite reach the floor. He seems to know that his sermon will go over your head, especially when your head doesn't come up to the back of the pew when you are sitting, or to Daddy's elbow when you stand to sing. He seems to know that you won't be able to sing very well because you haven't yet learned to read the words. But he always shakes hands with you and tells you he's glad you came.

When you're a man, maybe you will stand up there and lead the singing or preach the sermon like your pastor, who is a very understanding man.

By a boy's mother

Teen-Age Delinquency

(Continued from page seven)

short hair, swearing and the use of slang. Where does the delinquent teen-ager get these ideas? The young person definitely is influenced by someone. The greatest influence on a young person comes from his parents. The Christian parents should not hesitate to explain to the young person why this is right or that is wrong instead of just saying that he cannot do this or that. This builds up in the young person a vital relationship between the young person and the parent. Thus the teen-ager would not be so apt to do the thing if he has a reason for not doing it. This also builds up the ideals of the teen-ager and the understanding of those ideals.

If this standard would be maintained in the Brethren-in-Christ homes, the trend, which is for the teen-ager to shy away from his parents and be his own boss, would definitely be changed. The teen-ager who is willing to accept advice, who reads his Bible or other Christian literature for himself and then applies these things in his own life, will be a wonderful asset to his home, his church, and his community.

Chambersburg, Pa.

Evangelical Visitor

"Gather the Children In"

John and Ruth Pawelski

THIS week the cane will shoot their 'guines,' informed the grade school boy, great anticipation throbbing in the announcement. Tassels on the sugar cane indicate that the main crop of Cuba is progressing, and that the *zafra* (cane harvest) is coming into view. *Zafra* is the time each year when for four months or so every man who wants it can have work; when families can pay up old debts, and have cash in hand for current expenses. Sugar cane harvest—a most busy but happy season!

We began keeping watch, and sure enough, very soon we saw the plummy grey-white tassels beginning to appear, waving majestically high above their supporting stalks. Not many days later as we rounded a curve on a hill, there came into view a huge cane field, lacy guines covering with a grey-white film the expanse of green cane. It was a perfect reminder of Christ's words: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

The two Sunday Schools which we have charge of are right in the midst of these cane fields—a harvest waiting to be reaped! It has seemed hard during this year to present the Gospel so that it penetrates hearts. However, we know that only God can give the increase, and we believe that as you and we pray and work at sowing the Seed, He will be faithful in His part.

Yet, there have been some encouraging moments, too. Just last Sunday we had a lesson regarding God's creating man as a soul as well as a body, and the eternity of the soul. As the Cuban teacher was concluding, he asked the children what would be their answer if they asked themselves the question "Who am I?," hoping they would say, "I am a creation of God." One of the boys with hardly a second's hesitation burst forth, "I am a son of God." How thrilled we were to realize that this child has experienced personal adoption into the family of God, and now is not only a creation but also a *son* of God. He gives evidence of praying and reading his Bible (which he earned in a former Sunday School contest), and of working to bring others to church.

Perhaps your Thanksgiving Day would have been even more significant to you if you could have visited our Mella Sunday School one of the last Sundays in November. It was a really chilly morning, and sweaters and jackets were



a necessity for comfort. The houses in Mella are all made with palm thatch roofs, with no effort to make the houses air tight, so being inside gave little protection from the cold. Several of the children huddled on the narrow backless benches were barefooted. One girl was holding around her shoulders an old sweater with only holes where the sleeves once had been. Others had for "jackets" an extra, old, faded shirt worn over the all too scanty regular clothing. On this Sunday morning as Ruth was leading the choruses, and perhaps catching a little of the U. S. Thanksgiving Day spirit, although she felt she was almost stretching the point a little, she talked to the children about how for-

tunate they were. She pointed out that there are many children in the world who don't have wraps to put on when it is cold, but that she could see that every child there had a sweater or shirt or jacket to give protection. She explained how we should be thankful for these blessings given us by the Lord. "And now," she continued, "Let's sing . . ." and as she paused to think of an appropriate chorus, one attentive, serious-faced, barefooted boy eagerly supplied the suggestion, "Demos Gracias Al Senor" ('Let's Give Thanks to the Lord'). How tenderly the Savior must have smiled as He heard the earnest chorus of children's voices giving thanks for His blessings to them!

We would like to ask you to pray especially for a colored family at Mella. There are seven children in the family, the youngest being just a little over a year old, and all seven of them come to Sunday School. In the last several weeks the mother too has taken a definite interest in the services, bringing her family to church whenever possible. At the New Year's Eve watch night service, she brought her whole little flock with her, and although the service lasted from ten o'clock until after midnight, they were attentive listeners, with only the next to youngest falling asleep. Would you help us pray for the definite salvation of this mother and her family, and for their influence on their relatives.

Please continue to remember Wolgemuths and us in prayer, and trust with us that God will protect His work here.

Sowing for a Harvest in Cuba



Juana Garcia contacting a family in the Reporto across the Central Highway. This home has the largest Saint Altar in town with a sign in large letters: "God Bless this Altar!"



Juan Curbelo one of our young men giving a tract to Senora Garcia who lives in a new house. The Word of God is for the rich and poor. She received it very kindly.

Another Historic Event New York City

IN THE providence of God, the dedication service at 246 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx 57, New York on March 20, 1960 was framed significantly. In the wake of freakish winter weather God gave us a beautiful day, symbolizing the beginning of a new era for some people. A good representation of the scores who had invested in labor and money showed by their presence their interest in their investment. The Sunday School lesson subject was, "I believe God." The Sunday morning message by Isaac Kanode centered around Moses' experience relative to the "burning bush," with emphasis on giving ear to what God has to say to us.

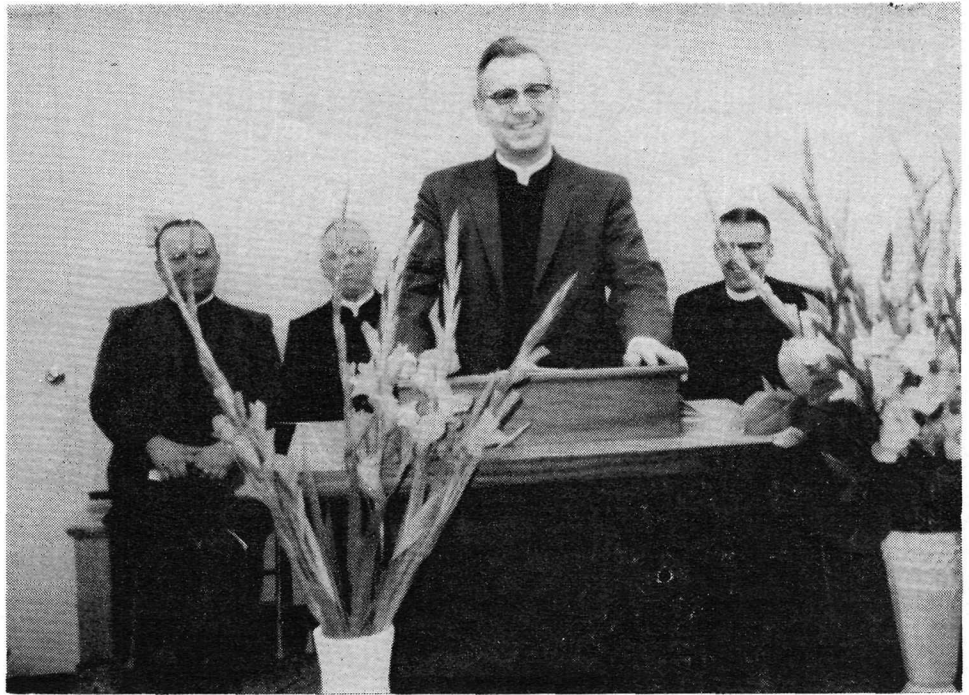
Everyone was impressed with the beauty of the chapel which we believe is foreordained of God to be a spiritual light house in the community. The impressions of Mrs. Musser Martin representing the WMPC accompany the pictures here presented. This chapel will be a lasting memorial of the 1959-'60 project of this organization of blessing. Community people turned aside and wondered at the motivation of men who came as far as 250 miles to give free labor. The former owners who had lived there for years and were interested in watching the remodelling and renovation commented, "It's fabulous." We would apply the immortalized words, "What hath God wrought!" Raymond Hess of Souderton, Pennsylvania who carried the contractual responsibility said, "I'm glad the 'lighthouse' is lighting up."

Completion of the "rough work" on the basement made obvious the plan of the Youth Center and provided a place for fellowship and refreshments and the entertainment of some of the over-night guests.

The sermon of dedication was delivered by the bishop of the Atlantic Conference, Henry Ginder, Manheim, Pennsylvania. The Great Commission and Romans 1:17 were brought into focus with emphasis on "As much as in me is." We were urged to, "Enter the field—Go" and "Evangelize the sinner . . . press for a decision," "Edify the believer."

The ritual of dedication was conducted by the chairman of the Board for Home Missions and Extension, Charles Rife, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

In carrying the responsibility and doing much work on the development of



Pastor Hill (above) greets the audience (below) gathered for dedication service.



the physical plant, the pastor Paul Hill has developed good public relations in the community and excited interest in the project. Let us pray for him as he directs his attention more to the spiritual phases of the work.

Anyone interested in giving financial help to the work in New York City may send offerings, so identified, to either Andrew Slagenweit, Treasurer, West Milton, Ohio, R. D. 1, Mrs. Marjorie Haines, Treasurer, WMPC, Clayton, Ohio, Box 255, R. D. 1, or Rev. Paul Hill, Pastor, 246 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx 57, N. Y.

Albert H. Engle
Executive Secretary

WMPC Report

"A NEW Light in Our Biggest City" was a slogan adopted by the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle in launching their project of 1959. "The Lighthouse is Lighting Up" was a focusing point in the dedicatory address presented by Bishop Henry A. Ginder on the day of dedication of the new chapel, March 20, 1960.

As one enters the newly-remodeled chapel, he is greeted with a warmth and beauty which commands his respect. He is overcome with a sense of reverence leading to the spirit of worship. As I sat



The new chapel in New York City.

and listened to the speakers tell the story of how God marvelously worked, step by step, it was a pleasure to think of the part the Women's Missionary Prayer Circles had in making available this pleasant place of worship. God bless you each one. Two months remain in which to reach our goal of \$4,000.00. We thank the Lord for the great network of prayer which has surrounded this endeavor from the beginning. Let us continue to support this lighthouse with our shares and especially with our prayers.

Velma Martin
Secretary WMPC

From the Letter-Bag

Is There No Vision?

THE hospital work has steadily increased and all the beds have been full for months. We have sixty-five beds in operation, that is, real beds but we will average over eighty in-patients per day for the year. There have been whooping cough and measles epidemics in the area and this year malnutrition and tuberculosis were on the increase. Many little children about two years of age died this year due to the poor start they got at birth during the previous year of famine. We were able to salvage many, but many others came in very late and there was no hope of helping them. I have sent over forty tuberculosis patients to the government hospital during the year and now nine have been sent back non-infective and they are with us getting their medications. We had no large building program on last year but did fence in the hospital area and build a large water tank. We also made 70,000 brick this past season for future expansion. This is an act of faith as no money has been allocated by anyone for new projects such as a kitchen, laundry, outpatient building, or a tuberculosis ward. You know what happens when there is no vision.

Macha Mission

New Ward Building at Madhipura

THE walls are finished, rafters up, and some of the floors cemented of the new building made possible by the gift of Sister Leora Yoder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Yoder. It includes two private rooms, one eight-bed ward, nurses' station, utility room, bathroom, and hallway.

New T. B. patients continue to arrive every week. Can you believe it—the average weight of an adult patient is probably no more than ninety pounds! Today a new admission weighed sixty-six pounds. His daily diet has been so very inadequate, his clothes filthy and flies buzz everywhere over him. Some of our most persistently difficult diseases are skin infections; fungus infections and rashes due to avitaminosis. They try the doctor's skill and the patient's patience!

Ganesh Soren, a T. B. patient is very happy because he has found the Way of Truth. He is looking forward to the day when he can go home to witness of his

new found faith. Hari Masih, another T. B. patient, is gaining weight and is pleased with his progress. He is a converted Hindu and because he can read he enjoys teaching Ganesh from the Word of God.

The Staff

Missionary in the Red

(Sent to Bishop Climenhaga with a tardy report.)

"Better late than never, but better never late,

Accept my humble pardon, for making you all wait.

I've worked, I've slaved, I've tried, I've slogged,

I must confess, that I've been bogged.

I think that I'll get out from under,

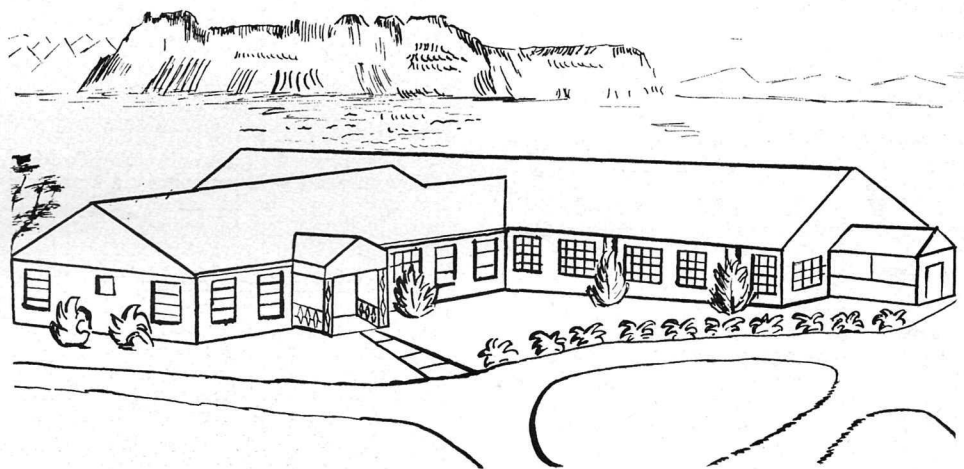
If no one comes and raises thunder.

This report with my respect.

I'm going on now to what is next.

Sincerely, Bob

"P. S. If there is any question about the time involved to compose this poem, please understand that it was composed while on my way to Nyumbane the other day."



The Navajo Mission Hospital showing new wing to be dedicated.

Hospital Wing Dedication at Navajo Mission

DEDICATION DAY for the new wing of the Navajo Hospital is May 15. This addition of 2,400 square feet to the Mission Hospital is the result of years of planning. Construction was accomplished during the past year by a steady flow of volunteer labor from the Midwest and Pacific Conferences.

Bishop Henry A. Ginder, asst. chairman of the Board of Directors, will deliver the dedicatory address. Bishop Alvin C. Burkholder, Board chairman, will serve as chairman for the occasion.

The new wing has made possible a

better organization of departments. The new out-patient department includes a pleasant waiting room, records room, consultation room, and examining room.

Approximately half of the cash expense on this project has been raised from local sources. The balance is being raised from contributions. Donated labor on the project is evaluated at more than four thousand dollars.

If you would like to share in the dedication offering you are invited to send your gift, marked "Dedication Offering," to the Navajo Mission, Bloomfield, New Mexico.

CHURCH NEWS

BULLETIN-BITS

Air Hill, Pa., announces love-feast services, May 28 and 29. Services begin at 10:00 A.M. on the 28th.

David and Laona Brubaker, I-W workers in Africa are reported touring Europe in a new Volkswagen en route home to America.

Ray Brubaker is scheduled for the week of evangelism May 1-8 at Fairview, Ohio.

The choir of the Clarence Center congregation, New York gave a program of Easter choral music at 4:30 P.M. Easter Sunday.

Editor Hostetter was guest speaker for the Wainfleet Easter Sunrise service and for the morning worship service.

Leroy Yoder, pastor of the Locust Grove, Pa., congregation is confined to his home with a broken leg.

Elizabethtown, Pa., congregation released their morning worship service, April 10 over radio station WEZN.

Mt. Pleasant, Pa., held their annual Bible Conference April 9 and 10. Dr. Jesse F. Lady was featured as guest speaker.

Rev. Charles Kindt, member of the staff at Messiah College, is guest speaker for the Week of Evangelism at Hummelstown, Pa.

Lawrence Brunk conducted revival services at the Sippo Valley, Ohio church, March 27 to April 10.

Henry A. Ginder shared in the week of evangelism services at Refton, Pa.

Redd Harper is scheduled to conduct the week of evangelism services at Pasadena, Calif.

A group from Cross Roads, Pa., conducted a service at the Water Street Mission, Lancaster, Pa., on Good Friday evening.

April 10 was Mission Sunday at Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Guest speaker was Samuel Wolgemuth. In the evening service William and Mary Hoke were featured in a farewell service.

The Women's Missionary Prayer Circle of the Atlantic Conference featured a meeting of the Prayer Circles of the Conference at the Graterford Church, April 28. Bro. and Sr. Jesse Lady, recently returned from Africa, were featured as guest speakers.

Editor Hostetter is scheduled to speak during the week of evangelism services at Sparta, Tenn.

CARLISLE, PA.

February 7—The youth of the congregation were in charge of the morning worship service. Lunch was served by the young couples and was featured in "Around the World in Eighty Minutes," having rice and curry in India, pineapple salad in Hawaii, mandarin oranges in Japan, chow mein in China, roasted peanuts in Africa, and spaghetti and Italian bread in Italy. Other activities included two films: one on cheating, the other on teen-age marriages; shut-in visitation; funspiration, evening lunch and a panel composed of parents and crusaders discussing pertinent youth and parent problems.

February 28—The visitation committee of the Sunday School conducted a religious census in a local housing development and found about ten prospects whom we are praying God will help us to bring into our Sunday School and church.

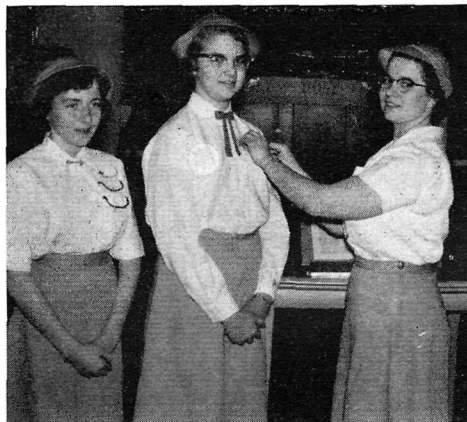
March 6—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mountz, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Rahn Shunk, Mrs. Bertha Palley, Cheryl and Kenneth Lehman, Scarlet Fisher, Jay Niesley and Jay Boudier were baptized.

March 11-13—Gladys Lehman, missionary on furlough from medical duties in Africa, spoke in children's church and in the evening worship service.

March 20—Ray Brubaker of "Cathedral Caravans" and "God's News Behind the News" spoke in both morning and evening services.

February 24—Twenty-four awards were presented in the winter encampment of Pioneer Girls.

We are presently looking forward to our Deeper Life series which will be held from May 1 to 8, featuring Eugene McGee, a Youth for Christ appointee for France.



Mrs. J. Wilmer Lehman pins the Pathfinder Key on Shirley Lehman. Linda Lehman looks on.

ANTRIM CHURCH, GREENCASTLE, PA.

Our revival meetings were held Jan. 3-17. Bishop Alvin Burkholder was with us for the first week. His messages were much appreciated. He gave us interesting talks on his trip around the world. The second week Bishop Charlie Byers served as evangelist. The meetings were very well attended. There was special singing each night. We were privileged to have John Roland, Friday evening, to talk to the children.

During the month of February we had two special talks on missions. Rev. Charles Rife was with us during our Missionary Prayer Meeting and gave us an interesting talk on Home Mission work. Sr. Robinson was also with us to tell of their work in New York City.

Sr. Ruth Hunt was with us March 23 and gave an interesting talk on Africa. She also showed Africa pictures.

March 27, Bro. Graybill Wolgemuth gave the morning message on missions. In the evening Paul Wengert, Jr. told of his work and showed slides of his Pax work in Greece. Bro. and Sr. William Hoke showed pictures of life in India.

L. A. W.

CHRISTIAN UNION, INDIANA

Capital Teens Convention—Sandra Doden, a teen-age friend from Auburn, stimulated us with her report of this week in Washington, D. C.

C. C. Day—The Junior church group united with adults for morning worship. Youth pro-

vided the ushers and all the music for the day's services. The contributed meal in the evening at the C. R. Nissly home, where the young people enjoyed a period of fellowship, led up to the night service which climaxed the day. Ten youth responded to the invitation and genuinely repented with heartfelt praying and confessing.

Florida and Nassau Camp meetings—Erma Hoke and her mother visited Ralph Hokes en route home from these services, and shared their inspiration with us.

Church Census—All the Garrett Churches united and organized, sending out teams of twos to cover the town and suburbs March 13, tabulating church connections and attendance.

Goshen College Team—Nevin Longanecker, Eleanor Conner, Erma Lehman, Martha Kuhns, Messiah College alumni now in Indiana, presented a full evening's program, March 20.

Revival Meeting—Rev. C. R. Heisey was God's man for these thirteen wintry but blessed days early in March. God moved among us. Open honest hearts met Him in new victory.

Mid-week Services—meet in two groups since February. Many of our children come from non-Christian homes. We need to give personalized teaching to them, even more so than to those who have been given Christian nurture from birth.

Family Prayer Cells—These groups are meeting periodically. God is honoring the praying and visiting.

County Home—Services vary from month to month: teen-age girls give a program; or a family will go as a group, featuring the children; older families combine to conduct the service; or a boy's class will bring cheer and blessing to these handicapped folk.

High School Bible Club—for the first time is made possible in Garrett. It organized in April. We praise God!

Radio Team—from our Philadelphia Church brought Anita Brechbill back to her place of birth. A number of town folk came to enjoy seeing and hearing their radio team in person.

Missionary Services—Ruth Hunt's visit gave opportunity for capitalizing on her two terms of missionary experiences for both services, April 3.

Baby Dedication—Three babies were dedicated April 3.

ROSEBANK, KANSAS

Recent happenings in our congregation featured Sr. Mary Engle, missionary to Africa. She spoke to us and showed slides of her work in Africa. Edgar Hoover from the Bethel congregation, recently returned from Pax service in Indonesia related his experiences while serving in the interest of Pax.

Rev. and Mrs. John Hostetter en route home from a tour of the Pacific Conference, stopped over with us for our Fall Communion service the evening of December 10.

Our congregation shared with the churches of Hope, Friday evening, March 4 for a special service honoring the World Day of Prayer. The service was held in the Baptist Church.

Mrs. C. E. Decker

STEVENSVILLE, ONT.

Our winter revivals were conducted from Jan. 10-27 by Rev. Andrew McNiven. We thank God for the many heart-searching messages and the emphasis on the Spirit-filled life.

Feb. 7 was a day of thanksgiving for us. Our radio broadcast, "Call to Worship Hour" commemorated its eleventh anniversary. Each Sunday for the past eleven years the "Call to Worship Hour" has been heard at 9 A.M. over radio station CHVC (1600) Niagara Falls, Ontario. Special music in the morning and evening services was rendered by our former and present radio singers. Bro. Wm. Charlton who has been radio pastor since the beginning of the radio ministry, spoke to us in both services.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carper who reached their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

SIPPO, OHIO

Bro. Wilmer Heisey and family were with us for a service in January. Bro. Heisey gave us an interesting and challenging insight of the work among the Navajos. Our Annual Council meeting was held on January 18.

Bro. Henry P. Heisey, Bro. Wm. Myers and Bro. Orvin White substituted for our pastor, who, with his wife, traveled to the Nassau Camp meeting.

Our church was host to the Central Conference March 17 and 18.

Bro. and Sr. William Rosenberry and Anita Brechbill were here at our church on March 22, for a service on their annual Gospel Words and Music Radio tour. In spite of a snowy evening, a nice group assembled.

We're anticipating a two-week, heart-searching, soul-saving revival beginning March 27 with Bro. Lawrence Brunk from Palmetto, Florida as the evangelist.

MT. PLEASANT, PA.

On February 7, 1960, Christ's Crusaders Day was observed, with the youth taking active part in the services of the day. Special features for the day included a morning message by Ray Brubaker, radio speaker on the "God's News Behind the News" broadcast.

About thirty young people enjoyed a late afternoon fellowship in the "old house" near to one of the homes of the congregation. The burning hearth, and warm atmosphere of the cabin gave a very fine setting. Singing of choruses and songs, and listening to the spiritual meditation given by Rev. James Ober, all helped our hearts to be drawn closer to God.

After refreshments, we then went directly to the Lord's House for the evening service. A panel discussion, centered around the home, was planned. In conclusion, we had the evening message given by Rev. Ober, who is pastor in an adjoining congregation of the Brethren Church.

Revival services were conducted from February 28-March 13, with Rev. Rupert Turman, Silverdale, Pa., as evangelist. God's spirit spoke to our hearts through his messages, and hearts were drawn closer to the Lord. May God bless his faithful ministry. Interruptions came! The snow storm made it impossible to have services for a half a week. Then much sickness prevented regular attendance.

We are thankful for this promise concerning God's Word—"... it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where-to I sent it."



Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stoner celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

MARTINSBURG, PA.

The Martinsburg congregation was privileged to share in the celebration of two wedding anniversaries during the month of February, both of which were considerably over the fifty mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carper observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary February 8 at their home near Roaring Springs, Pa. They were married in Martinsburg by the late Rev. Martin Miller who was then minister of the Brethren in Christ Church in Martinsburg. They have been members of the Martinsburg congregation for the past 55 years. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin M. Stoner, Martinsburg, Pa., observed their 55th Wedding Anniversary on March 2. On Saturday, Feb. 27, a surprise family dinner was held at their home to celebrate the occasion, and relatives and neighbors visited them during the afternoon and evening. The Stoners are the parents of four daughters. They have sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They are members of the Martinsburg congregation.

WEST MILTON, OHIO

The Highland Brethren in Christ Church was broken into April 2, and a tone generator and seven tubes were stolen from the electronic organ. A series of thefts of this nature were perpetrated in this vicinity during the last five months.

GRANTHAM, PENNA.

Month of February: In the morning service of the 7th, four children were presented by their parents for dedication.

Since this was Christ's Crusaders Day, the young people participated in the morning service, engaged in visitation of older folks in the afternoon, and presented the entire program in the evening. In this service the Pastor, Arthur L. Musser, presented the award to the

first-prize winner of the Crusader writing contest, John K. Stoner.

The Sunday of the 14th, marked the opening of the revival services with Rev. Roy V. Sider, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada as the evangelist. During this week of meetings, the various Sunday School classes and departments were given special recognition. Each class or group was responsible for conducting the devotional period. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions, the attendance was good and the response to the call of the Lord was encouraging.

Bishop Charlie B. Byers preached in the morning service of Sunday, the 28th. Following the message, Bishop Byers and the pastor consecrated Clarence Z. Musser and Matthew Brubaker as deacons for the Grantham congregation. These two brethren were added to our present staff of deacons, Jacob G. Kuhns and Joseph Stoner.

In the evening, during the 7 o'clock period, the Christ's Crusaders presented the film, "Preacher's Kid." Following this, the David Climenhaga family bade farewell to the Grantham congregation. At the close of the service they were given a personal love-offering.

In March we adopted the "Hymn of the Month" as a special feature. We used Miss Frances Havergal's "Lord, Speak To Me That I May Speak." Each Sunday the pastor told something of the writer and about the message of the hymn, itself. "The Strife Is O'er," translated from the Latin by Francis Pott, was chosen as the "Hymn of the Month" for April.

A Teacher's Training Class is being conducted the first Sunday evening of each month (7:00 p.m. period), under the direction of Mrs. Alden Long, Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Sunday School.

The Pastor planned and conducted a series of classes for those interested in Baptism and Church Membership. There was an enrollment of twenty-three.

The "Prayer Meeting Leader of the Month" was Chester F. Wingert. During the month of April, Homer Kraybill will be in charge.

On Sunday evening, March 13, Dr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Lady showed pictures of Israel and Dr. Lady brought a message on Prophecy.

We broke ground for the new Church-Chapel Saturday, March 12. During the morning services March 20 and 27, three Church Trustees were chosen: Norman Brubaker, Isaiah Harley, and Daniel Keefer. These three, along with three others chosen by the College, will be responsible for the care of the new Church-Chapel. Construction is about to begin.

The congregation watched with great interest as a scale-model of the new church was unveiled during the Sunday morning service, March 20. It was constructed by Norman Brubaker, Mark Wolgemuth, George Lenhart and Daniel Lenehan, being complete with landscaping and parking-lot areas, mounted on a revolving table top. This model is now on display at the local store.

On Saturday evening, April 2, the college dining room was the scene of the Mother-Daughter Banquet. The meal was prepared and served by the men of the church to a total of 166 guests. David M. Barr, Field Director for Billy Graham Evangelistic Films, Inc., was guest speaker.

TORONTO, ONTARIO

On Feb. 1, Morris Sider and a group of students from Niagara Christian College took charge of the morning service. John Franklin, a young man from a nearby Collegiate gave his testimony and some of the experiences he has had in witnessing for Christ while attending College. Mildred Brillinger who recently returned from MCC work in Haiti, spoke to us of her work there, showing some interesting slides.

March 13 to 20 was the time for our Spring revival meeting. Rev. Earl Sider was evangelist. Special music was enjoyed from groups

such as the Heise Hill Male Quartet, the Henderson Sisters Trio and others.

We are glad to report an increase in our Sunday School attendance during the past year.



The pastor, Melvin Stauffer, breaks ground for new sanctuary at Mooretown, Mich. Looking on, left to right, are Carl Ulery, Lewis Thomas, Phyllis Bright, Raymond Starr and Randall Starr. The parsonage is in the background.

GROUNDBREAKING AT MOORETOWN

On April 3, the Mooretown congregation and neighbors of the community witnessed the Ground Breaking Service for the new Brethren in Christ Church near Sandusky, Mich.

Those participating in the service were Bishop C. J. Ulery; Lewis Thomas, retired minister; Phyllis Bright, president of Christ's Crusaders; Raymond Starr, chairman of Board of Trustees; Pastor, Melvin Stauffer; and Randall Starr, Deacon.

The new church will be built just east of the present 59-year-old church structure. A parking lot will be made where the old church now stands.

The Sunday School has outgrown its present quarters.

The new church will be a cement block and brick structure, 34 x 60, with a full basement for Sunday School rooms.

Construction will begin as soon as weather permits.

FIVE FORKS, PA.

Bro. and Sr. Frank Kipe were featured recently in a farewell service. Our hearts were naturally saddened when we gave them good bye, and yet, we rejoiced to know that God has called them to be laborers for Him in Africa.

Saturday evening, Jan. 13, Mr. and Mrs. Ho, Chinese students at Messiah College were with us. They spoke to us about their native land and the great spiritual need there.

Feb. 28 we were happy to have with us Dr. and Mrs. George Paulus, Jr. Dr. Paulus gave an interesting insight to their work in India via pictures.

Bishop E. J. Swalm served as evangelist for our Spring revival meeting, Mar. 13 to 23. We appreciated the ministry from God's Word.

Mar. 27 we were privileged to have Paul Hill from New York City with us in the morning worship service. He gave an interesting message of their work in that city.

Our new sanctuary is coming along splendidly and we expect to be in it within a few weeks.

BIRTHS

WAGERS—Alfred and Vivian Wagers announce the birth of Juanita Colleen, February 9, 1960, Christian Union congregation, Garrett, Indiana.

WATSON—Kevin Leroy, third child to Mack and Betsy Watson, March 4, 1960, Christian Union congregation, Indiana.

TELLER—Laura Anne, born to Paul and Barbara Teller, March 15, 1960, Christian Union congregation, Indiana.

KELLER—Gregory Nelson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keller, March 13, 1960, Fairland congregation, Pa.

MYERS—Carmela, born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Myers, Jan. 15, 1960, Mt. Pleasant congregation, Pa.

COLLARD—Ricky Timothy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Collard, Feb. 6, 1960, Wainfleet congregation, Ontario.

SIDER—Ricky Lee, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sider, March 13, 1960, Wainfleet congregation, Ontario.

FRETZ—Terry Lamar Frederick, born Nov. 5, 1959, a chosen baby for Lamar and Anna Mae (Sider) Fretz, Bertie congregation, Stevensville, Ontario.

OTT—Bonnie Jean, born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ott, Ridgeway, Ontario, Dec. 20, 1959, Bertie congregation, Ontario.

PUTMAN—Brenda May, born to Hershel and Ethel (Hawkins) Putman, Dec. 29, 1959, Bertie congregation, Stevensville, Ontario.

MINOR—Douglas Ray, born to Harold and Helen (Saylor) Minor, March 9, 1960, Bertie congregation, Stevensville, Ontario.

WALKER—Rose Ann, born August 22, 1959 to Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Walker, Richardson Highway, Fairbanks, Alaska.

LEHMAN—Ronda Lou, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lehman, Jan. 31, 1960, Carlisle congregation, Pa.

MARRIAGES

LASHER-BRADY—Miss Raye Jean Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brady of Cleona, Penna., became the bride of James Lasher, Jr., on April 2, 1960 in a morning ceremony performed by the Rev. Clark Hock in the Fairland Brethren in Christ Church, Cleona.

EBERSOLE-SHENK—Miss Verna R. Shenk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Shenk, Mt. Joy, Pa., became the bride of John Musser Ebersole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Ebersole, Elizabethtown, Pa., at 10 A. M. Jan. 30, 1960 in the Mt. Pleasant Brethren in Christ Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Graybill Wolgemuth and Rev. J. Earl Martin, Jr.

DENNISON-PHILLIPS—The Christian Union Church of Garrett, Indiana was the setting for the marriage of Miss Lenora Ann Phillips and Charles E. Dennison, March 12, 1960. The bride's pastor, Rev. Elam Dohner, read the nuptial vows before the altar at 8:30 in the evening. Mrs. C. R. Nissly, church organist and Miss Anita Hoke, soloist, presented the bridal music.

OBITUARIES

CUBITT—Mr. James A. Cubitt was born near Newton Robinson, Simcoe County, Ontario, October 12, 1875 and departed this life Satur-

day, January 16, 1960 at the Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, Ontario.

As a young man he came to Nottawasaga Township and in 1900 married Annie E. Doner of near Creemore, Ontario, who predeceased him on May 9, 1909. He later married Annie J. Doner of the same community, and she also predeceased him on November 8, 1956.

For the past 60 years Mr. Cubitt lived and farmed in the vicinity of Creemore, Ontario.

He is survived by three sons and three daughters: Earl, Claude and Gerald, all of Stayner, Ont.; Dorothy, Mrs. Ross Agar, Woodbridge, Ont.; Velma, Mrs. George Weston, Creemore, Ont.; Nina Evelyn of Toronto, Ont.; besides fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren and one brother.

Funeral services were held at the Mumford and Crawford Funeral Home on January 19, 1960 conducted by Bishop E. J. Swalm and Rev. George C. Sheffer. Interment in the Brethren in Christ Second Line Cemetery.

GAYMAN—John S. Gayman, son of the late Jacob and Hettie Gayman, was born May 20, 1886 and fell asleep in Jesus on February 1, 1960 at his home near Chambersburg, Pa. He was a faithful member of the Brethren in Christ Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mrs. Alta Stayman Gayman, a son, Glenn, Chambersburg, a step-daughter, two step-sons, three grandchildren, twelve step-grandchildren, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held on February 4 at the Chambersburg Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Glenn Ginder and Rev. Daniel Burkholder officiating. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Mercersburg, Pa.

CASE—John Case, son of the late John and Mary Simpson Case was born in Wainfleet, Ontario on Feb. 18, 1869.

In 1891 he was united in marriage to Etta Mater who predeceased him in 1935. While still a young man he was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ Church and remained a faithful member until death. For the past eighteen months he had been in failing health and passed quietly away on Friday, Mar. 25, 1960. He leaves to mourn his passing two daughters, Mrs. David Marr of Stevensville; Mrs. Charles Wright of Ridgeway; eighteen grandchildren and forty-four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Mar. 27, in the Stevensville Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Wm. Charlton in charge, assisted by Rev. E. C. Bossert. Interment in the adjoining cemetery.

PAULUS—Dora M. Paulus, daughter of David and Leanza McConnell, was born November 16, 1880 in Laura, Ohio. After two years of illness she went to be with her Lord on March 30, 1960.

On December 23, 1900 she was married to Jacob H. Paulus, who preceded her in death in 1947. Early in her married life she accepted Christ as her Saviour and united with the Brethren in Christ Church. She served the Lord for twenty-eight years as a deacon's wife and was faithful in her attendance at all services. Her loving personality and devout Christian spirit will be sadly missed by all members of her family, and the Pleasant Hill congregation of which she was a member.

Her friendly calls on her neighbors—especially 100-year-old Grandma Stump whose mail she has carried for several years will be greatly missed. The grandchildren remember her as a most loving grandmother.

She is survived by seven sons and four daughter, Vernon of Pleasant Hill; Chester, Orville and Raymond, all of West Milton; Lester of Sandusky; Alvin and LeRoy, both of Canton; Mary L., wife of Clyde Hershey of Pleasant Hill; Eva of Phillipsburg; Dora Mae, wife

of John Krieger of Ashland; Elsie, wife of Clarence Gramm of Morrison, Illinois; and two sisters, Mrs. Idella Rex of Arcanum; and Mrs. Minnie Brewer of Dayton. One son, Albert, preceded her in death in 1950. Forty-three grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service was held at the Highland Brethren in Christ Church on April 1, 1960 at 2:00 P.M. with Pastor Warren J. Sherman and the Rev. Andrew H. Slagenweit officiating. Interment at the Highland Cemetery.

SLATES—Clarabell Slates, wife of Clarence Slates, Three Springs, Pa., passed away Jan. 19, 1960 at the Fulton County Medical Center, McConnellsburg, Pa., after an illness of about a week.

She was born in Centre County, Oct. 4, 1901, a daughter of W. C. and Edith (Treaster) Horner, and was married to Clarence Slates at Altoona, Pa., on Jan. 22, 1924. The date of her funeral was their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary. Besides her husband she is survived by the following children: Thelma (Mrs. Mack Snyder); David, Clarabell (Mrs. Carl Miller) of Three Springs; Louella (Mrs. Rawle Shore) of Pittsburgh; Charles of Lancaster; Edith (Mrs. Robert Jaymes) of Tyrone; Miriam (Mrs. Ronald Wiser) and Samuel at home. Also surviving are thirteen grandchildren. A son and a daughter preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church for many years. Her testimony will be remembered and cherished by those with whom she worshipped.

Services were held at the Cherry Grove Church of God, with Charlie B. Byers, Roy H. Mann and Marion R. Walker, sharing in the service. Interment was in the nearby cemetery.

HAAS—Margaret Fleming Haas, daughter of Henry and Katherine Fleming, born April 8, 1874 in Quebon, Russia. She came to the United States with her father and family at the age of three. For fifty-six years she had been a resident of Dickinson County, Kans. On Jan. 3, 1894 she was united in marriage to George Haas. To this union were born ten children, seven of which survive to mourn their loss. Her husband also preceded her in death.

Surviving are her five sons: Emanuel of Grantham, Pa.; George of Ponce De Leon, Mo.; Elmer of Abilene, Kans.; Marvin of Upland, Calif. and Fleming of Ceres, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Whiteley of Wymore, Nebr., and Mrs. Miles Huit of Talmage, Kans. She is also survived by one sister, twenty-eight grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. At the age of 31 she was converted and united with and remained loyal to the Brethren in Christ Church. She was a devoted mother and will be sadly missed by her friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Zion Church with Rev. Henry Miller in charge, assisted by Rev. Garcel Brenn. Burial was in the Livingston Cemetery.

MCC NEWS

MILLER RECOMMENDS PAX REPLACEMENTS

Liberia, (MCC)—O. O. Miller, following his visit to the Bafu Bay Mission in Liberia, where five Paxmen are serving in a LeTourneau development project, reported that there has been much progress since his visit a year ago: about seven miles of road have been pieced through the jungle, compared to one mile a year ago; Paxmen have established a good chicken project and "the whole program is proceeding with clearer direction." Now the Bafu Bay Mission has 20 congregations compared to 17 in 1959.

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NEWS ITEMS

49 CRIMINALS EXECUTED IN 1959

Washington, D.C. (EP)—In its annual report on civil executions, the U.S. Department of Justice discloses that a total of 49 convicted criminals were executed under civil law in 1959.

This was a slight increase from the all-time low of 48 in 1958, but was the second lowest on record.

The report was read with unusual interest this year, in view of the widespread debate over capital punishment.

Although 41 states and the District of Columbia have laws permitting the imposition of the death penalty, only 16 states carried out executions in 1959. Of those who died, two-thirds were Negroes, although white persons constitute 90 per cent of the U.S.

GRAHAM MEETINGS BARRED IN SUDAN

Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia (EP)—Except for the mild antagonism of Moslems, Billy Graham has experienced gratifying response to his preaching during his 10-week, nine-country "Safari for Souls" in Africa begun Jan. 20.

At the start of the second half, however, he was barred by the Sudanese government from holding a meeting in Khartoum, scheduled for March. No reason was given, but members of the Graham team point out that martial law is still in force in Sudan and the meeting would have conflicted with observance of the Moslem holy month of Ramadan.

At rallies here, Graham addressed approximately 9,000 Rhodesians in a non-segregated audience—reportedly the largest multi-racial meeting ever held in the Central African Federation. Some 400 whites and Africans responded at the close of the service when Evangelist Graham invited his listeners to make "decisions for Christ."

FRED ORGANIZED

We are grateful beyond words to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy! On February 10, 1960, the Articles of Incorporation for FRED were accepted and filed in the State of Indiana.

FRED (Foundations for Radio and Educational Development) has been brought into being by Clarence C. Moore, President of International Radio and Electronics Corporation of Elkhart, Indiana.

FRED's purpose is to promote, develop and help finance Christian and missionary radio installations. FRED is also an agency to help Christian and missionary organizations obtain materials, transmitters and all types of equipment for radio broadcasting at prices especially geared for Christian work.

Brochures are in progress giving more details on FRED. In the meantime, direct all correspondence to: FRED, Post Office Box 261, Elkhart, Indiana

KRUSHCHEV JESTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN INDONESIA

Surabaya, Indonesia—(FENS)—"I might be fired," jested Premier Nikita Krushchev during his recent visit to Indonesia. While on the Island of Bali, his host, President Sukarno had asked the premier to attend a religious service. Krushchev wanted to know if attending the service would necessitate his taking part, since if that were the case, he might be fired from his position.

CHESSMAN CASE STIRS ASIAN SUPPORT

Manila—(FENS)—Asian newspapers are carrying numerous articles concerning the now-famous Chessman case, and regarding capital punishment in general. In Manila, an article states, "... Capital punishment is an insult to Divine Providence. It neither corrects nor chastises." In Formosa, the "China Post"

editorialized thus: "We are in favor of sparing his life under the existing circumstances . . . Chessman has suffered enough as a result of eleven and a half years' stay in the death row. . . . Neither the State of California nor the United States has anything to gain by putting him to death now in the face of the fact that millions of people the world over are urging clemency for him."

INDIA—A young man living only two miles from Landour, Mussoorie, India, tuned in to a Back to the Bible radio broadcast and wrote to Missionary Don Rubesh in Ceylon for more information. Rubesh recommended that the young man study Bible courses offered by the Landour Bible Institute. Thus a radio program produced in the United States, aired from Manila and heard in northeast India, induced a man to write to Ceylon, from where he was introduced to missionaries and their study courses located just two miles from his own home!

ITALY—A group of United States Roman Catholics presented a luxurious American-made limousine to Pope John XXIII recently. The Pontiff good-naturedly told the donors that after much traveling on earth "We'll meet again at the gates of Paradise." The Americans were alumni of the University of Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana. "I bless this car and also all of your cars—I assume you all have one," he told the Americans massed around the \$12,000 Cadillac. Then, the Pope, added, "A benediction to all of you, with or without cars."

LARGEST ABC CHURCH WITHDRAWS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Wichita, Kans. (EP)—The largest of the American Baptist Convention's 6,250 churches, has voted to withdraw its financial support from the American Convention. Spokesman for the First Baptist Church of Wichita said they took the move because of the Convention's ties with the National Council of Churches.

The congregation approved the financial withdrawal 1,170 to 235. The church, with some 4,300 members, has been contributing about \$30,000 a year to the American Convention.

CHRISTENDOM 'SITS DOWN' WITH SOUTHERN NEGROES

When those first Negroes sat down at a segregated lunch counter in the South, the whole Christian world, it would seem, sat down with them in sympathy.

From all over the "Bible Belt," White and Negro clergymen urged their members to endorse peaceful sitdown protests. In Fayetteville, N. C., groups of ministers have advocated boycotting establishments practicing discrimination.

In New York, the National Student Christian Federation called for Christian students throughout the U.S. not only to participate in but to help organize sitdown protests against racial segregation at lunch counters, "to pray for all those involved, and to search for avenues by which they may creatively participate in this work of God."

DIVORCE DOWN IN WEST GERMANY

Bonn, Germany (EP)—Clergymen in West Germany have reported that the rate of divorce in their country is decreasing.

Statistics released by the Registrar General show that in 1958, a total of 48,000 divorces were granted in West Germany and West Ber-

lin, as compared to 49,000 in 1946 and more than 88,000 in 1948.

Urban areas suffer considerably higher divorce rates over rural districts. West Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen, for example, have four times as many divorces among their populations than in other regions of West Germany.

CALIFORNIA CONTINUES DEATH PENALTY

Sacramento, Calif. (EP)—Despite the strong recommendations of some clergymen in favor of the measure, the Senate Judiciary Committee has killed a bill which would have abolished the death penalty in California.

Methodist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen had joined with psychiatrists in supporting abolition of the state's gas chamber. Standing with them were a number of district attorneys, police chiefs and sheriffs.

The measure had the support of Gov. Edmund G. Brown who had called a special session of the legislature to consider ending capital punishment. He acted shortly after granting a 60-day reprieve to Caryl Chessman ten hours before the convicted prisoner was to die in the gas chamber for kidnapping and robbery.

But after nearly 12 hours of testimony, the Senate killed the measure by the slender margin of one vote.

PRESIDENT URGED TO MAKE GOODWILL TOUR—OF SOUTHERN U. S.

Raleigh, N. C. (EP)—The national director of public relations for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, has called on President Eisenhower to make another goodwill tour—this one in the Southern United States.

In a letter to the President, Alexander Barnes said it was his "earnest hope" that Mr. Eisenhower would follow up his South American tour with a similar mission through the Southern States.

"There are thousands of people down here," he wrote, "who need some of the goodwill that you have spread throughout the world, who seemingly have not heard that it also applies in the United States."

"Millions of Negroes," he said, "would like to see you ride through streets of Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, Augusta, Columbia, Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, Jackson, New Orleans and even Durham and tell them that America cannot survive half slave and half free."

DR. P. F. ELLIOTT ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF OWOSSO COLLEGE

The Board of Trustees of Owosso College assembled on the college campus for their annual meeting February 16 and 17.

Dr. Paul F. Elliott of Frankfort, Indiana, was elected for a three-year term as President of the College, to assume full-time duties June 15. Dr. Elliott, a native of Michigan and a former junior college student of Owosso College, is presently the Secretary of General Sunday Schools and Youth for the Pilgrim Holiness Church with denominational headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has served in important positions in the church and in its affiliated schools, as well as giving leadership in national religious organizations. He holds the A. B. degree from Central Michigan College and the D.D. from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Dr. Elliott and his family will be making their home in Owosso. Mrs. Elliott, who has her teacher's certificate from Eastern Michigan College, is joining the faculty of Owosso College in the fall. Their son, Paul F. Elliott, III, is fifteen.